

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 990

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to commend Samuel “Sam” Patrick O’Rourke for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Samuel “Sam” Patrick O’Rourke is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Speaker Beth Harwell; Sam’s work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Brentwood High School, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. O’Rourke has achieved academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, such as basketball, soccer, track, football, and wrestling; and

WHEREAS, he also served as vice president of Generation Joshua Club in Brentwood for two years, in which position he oversaw a number of campaigns and developed valuable leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these activities, Mr. O’Rourke developed an interest in political journalism when he was approached by his high school newspaper to begin contributing articles to its publication, an opportunity that further cultivated his lifelong passion for government; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government, Sam O’Rourke brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge and experience he has gained during this internship will serve him well as he pursues a political science major in college with the hope of one day becoming a constitutional attorney; and

WHEREAS, he is a great source of pride for his parents, Cyd and James O'Rourke, and an inspiration to his thirteen siblings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Rourke has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Samuel "Sam" Patrick O'Rourke for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Speaker Beth Harwell and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.